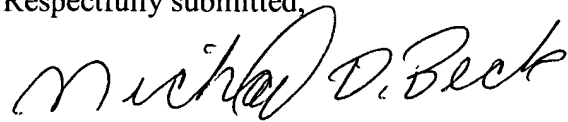


REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested. As indicated above, this paper is a re-submission of a preliminary amendment filed on February 26, 2004. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was lodged because Applicants had not separately identified the cancelled claims 1-32. A complete listing of all the claims has been included in this re-submission.

It should be noted that subsequent to the subject Preliminary Amendment of February 26, Applicants have submitted three additional preliminary amendments adding new claims 73-100. These subsequently added claims are not reflected in the claims listing for this paper, since this is simply a re-submission of the February 26 amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Beck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Beck" clearly legible.

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